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For media inquiries related to this incident, please contact Sergeant Christopher Mahurin at cmahurin@srcity.org or 707-975-0129. SRPD Case #22-12135. Media inquiries will be responded to after 10:00 am on October 16, 2022.

Officer Involved Shooting Reported Saturday Night on West Napa Street

Adult, male suspect involved is in critical condition, no officers or bystanders were injured.

Santa Rosa Police Department is investigating an officer-involved shooting that took place in Sonoma City limits in the 200-block of West Napa Street last night, on Saturday, October 15th, 2022. The adult male suspect who is reported to be in his 40s and a resident of Sonoma Valley is currently in critical condition in a Sacramento area hospital. No deputies, bystanders and/or residents were injured in the incident.

Deputies from the Sonoma County Sheriff's Office responded to a report of a suspect breaking or smashing windows around the Sonoma Marketplace Shopping center about 10:00 pm on October 15, 2022. Shortly after at about 10:15 pm, a second call for service came in where deputies were informed of a suspect with a handgun.

Upon contacting the suspect on West Napa Street, the suspect produced a firearm and discharged it towards the Deputies. Deputies returned fire and struck the subject. The subject was transported via ambulance to a local hospital with life threatening injuries. ***[A more detailed summary of the incident can be found below, and on the Santa Rosa Police Department's Nixle account at \[www.nixle.us/santa-rosa-police-department/\]\(http://www.nixle.us/santa-rosa-police-department/\).](#)***

"I know that no police officer ever wants to discharge their service weapon in the line of duty," said City of Sonoma Mayor, Jack Ding. "This is a rare and significant event for our City, and I am grateful for the diligence of law enforcement for their response and investigation of this tragic incident. Our thoughts are with the suspect's family, the Sonoma County police officers involved, their families and our community."

The Sonoma County Critical Incident Protocol was invoked as is the policy for any police involved shooting, and the Santa Rosa Police Department and the Sonoma County DA's Office are conducting an independent criminal investigation of the incident. The Sheriff's Office Professional Standards Bureau will be conducting an administrative investigation of the incident. All inquiries should be directed to the Santa Rosa Police Department.

The City is aware that a video taken during the incident is circulating on social media. Sonoma Police Chief Orlando Rodriguez has reviewed the video and asks our community to, "Please

know that this video was taken by an independent bystander and does not show the totality of the circumstances. This investigation is in its early stages, please be patient and allow the Santa Rosa Police Department and the Sonoma County District's Attorney to complete their investigation of this incident so the public can and will be better informed."

This is an evolving investigation and details may be updated in the next few days as additional information becomes available. Please refer to the Santa Rosa Police Department for news and announcements related to this incident.

Summary of SRPD Case #22-12135 as Reported by the Santa Rosa Police Department

On Saturday, October 15, 2022, at 10:00 pm, Sonoma County Sheriff's Deputies were dispatched to the 200-block of West Napa Street regarding an adult male suspect breaking vehicle windows in the parking lot. When deputies arrived on scene, they were unable to initially locate the suspect. While on scene, deputies were notified of a suspect with a gun in the 400-block of First Street West.

At 10:15 pm, a SCSO Deputy located the suspect in a parking lot in the 100-block of West Napa St, on the south side of the roadway. The suspect was armed with a firearm. The deputy told the suspect to drop the gun several times, but the suspect refused to comply. The suspect shot at a deputy at least one time. The deputy shot back at the suspect, but the suspect ran south through the parking lot. Based on the initial information, it is believed the deputy struck the suspect with at least one shot.

After approximately one minute, the suspect ran out of an alleyway, just east of the parking lot he was initially contacted in. The suspect still had a firearm in his hand and was running in the direction of deputies. A second deputy shot the suspect and the suspect fell to the ground. Deputies continued to give commands to the suspect to prevent him from picking up his firearm. Emergency Medical Services (EMS) were requested. Once deputies secured the suspect and his firearm, they began provided medical assistance to the suspect. EMS transported the suspect to a regional hospital.

The suspect is an adult, white, male in his 40's who resides in the Sonoma Valley. The suspect sustained gunshot wounds and was transported to a regional hospital. The suspect has been transferred to a Sacramento area hospital for additional treatment. The suspect is currently in critical condition. No additional information will be provided about the suspect until next of kin has been notified.

Based on the circumstances of the incident, the Sonoma County Sheriff's Office invoked the Sonoma County Critical Incident Protocol and requested the Santa Rosa Police Department and the Sonoma County District Attorney's Office to lead an independent investigation into the events that led to the officer-involved shooting. The Santa Rosa Police Department's Violent

Crime Team has taken over the investigation. SRPD Field & Evidence Technicians are processing the crime scenes. At this time, it is believed that the suspect in the vehicle vandalisms and the subject with a gun on First Street West is the same suspect that shot at the SCSO deputy.

The two deputies involved in the shootings were not injured. They have both been placed on paid administrative leave. The name of the deputies and their years of service will be released later this week.

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